

Export of Rayon Fabrics

5882. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Rayon fabrics exported during each of the last three years; and

(b) The steps proposed to be taken by the Government to boost the export of Rayon fabrics and to ensure a parity between domestic demand and supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The quantity of rayon fabrics exported during the last three years is given below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Qty. (lakh So. Mtrs)</i>
1988-89	326.8
1989-90	489.7
1990-91	630.9
(April 1991-Feb. 1992)	

(b) Government have been taking a number of steps to boost exports of textile products, including rayon fabrics, like modernisation of textile industry by allowing import of textile machinery at concessional duty, organising buyer-seller meets and participating in fairs, providing adequate encouragement to manufacturer-exporters and non-quota exports through appropriate quota policy measures. In order to increase availability of rayon fabrics, the Industrial Policy for setting up weaving units has already been liberalized.

Memorandum from D.T.C. Union

5883. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any memorandum from D.T.C. Union in respect of privatisation of D.T.C.;

(b) if so, the points raised by D.T.C. Union therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The DTC Workers' Union had represented to Government, vide their letter dated 23-12-91 pointing out that as per the provisions of the Road Transport Corporations Act, 1950 read with Delhi Road Transport Laws (Amendment) Act, 1971, it is the responsibility of the DTC to provide efficient, and adequate passenger road transport service in the Union Territory of Delhi. They have also drawn attention to the fact that a Resolution had been passed by the Metropolitan Council, Delhi in 1988 stating that STA permits to private operators to ply independent of DTC can not be issued, since it would not be in the interests of the public.

The Delhi Parivahan Mazdoor Sangh in their representation dated 12.3. 1992 had pointed out that there would be great dissatisfaction among the commuting public by induction of private buses, as they would indulge in over charging of fares, unhealthy competition and cause undue harassment to the public.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government for privatisation of DTC.

Narcotics Smuggling in North-East Region

5884. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Guwahati and Shilong are big centers of narcotics smuggling in the north-east region of the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to curb smuggling of narcotics in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). Although there are few reports of transit of heroin of Myanmar origin through Guwahati and Shilong, these places cannot be considered to be centers of narcotics smuggling. No esquire of heroin has been reported from these places during the years 1990 and 1992 (till date). During the year 1991, 6 kgs. of heroin in 15 cases was seized in Shilong. During the year 1991 no seizure of heroin was reported from Guwahati. Agencies of Central and State Governments keep strict vigil in this matter.

Prices of N.T.C. Products

5885. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Textile Corporation has reduced the price of its certain products and rolling these prices back to level available in July, 1990; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). National Textile Corporation rolled back the prices of Dhotis and Sarees being produced under the Controlled Cloth Scheme, to the levels obtaining in July, 1990.

Toll Tax on Entry of Vehicles in States

5886. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVISINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which levy toll tax on entry of vehicles registered outside their States;

(b) whether the Union Government have given any directions to State Governments to withdraw such toll tax; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the policy of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As per information available, the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Orissa are levying an entry toll on vehicles registered outside the States.

(b) and (c). The Government of India has written to the State Governments of Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh that the levy of such tolls results in detention of vehicles, is not conducive to smooth inter-State flow of goods and passengers and results in avoidable wastage of fuel, under utilisation of vehicles leading to increased cost of transportation.

It was also pointed out to the State Governments at the meeting of the Transport Development Council held on 14-1-92 that imposition of such a toll is an undesirable development and the State Governments should desist from imposing such levies.

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Darbhanga Airport

5887. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present state of Darbhanga Airport in Bihar;